IN DISTRICT COURT

BURLEIGH COUNTY

SOUTH CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA EX REL. WAYNE STENEHJEM, ATTORNEY GENERAL,

Civil No. 10-C-1630

Petitioner.

NOTICE OF ENTRY
OF ORDER OF APPROVAL

-VS-

CONSUMER BENEFITS RESEARCH GROUP, INC, doing business as, CONSUMER BENEFITS GROUP, doing business as, CBG, doing business as, CBRG, doing business as, CBRG, INC., doing business as, WWW.CBGONLINE.US; and COREY JAMES MCCORMICK, Individually;

Respondent.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Order of Approval in the above-captioned action was entered in the Office of the Clerk of the above-named Court on June 30, 2010. A copy of the Order of Approval is attached hereto.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2010.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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By:

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Pursuant to the authority of this Court provided in N.D.C.C. § 51-15-06.1,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached Assurance of Voluntary Compliance is approved as an assurance of discontinuance as specified in N.D.C.C. § 51-15-06.1.

The Clerk of Court shall receive and file this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance.

Dated this day of day of dine, 2010.

BY THE COURT:

Judge of the District Court

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ASSURANCE OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

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WWW.CBGONLINE.US; and
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To each person or entity identified below, hereinafter "Respondents":

Consumer Benefits Research Group, Inc. dba Consumer Benefits Group dba CBG dba CBRG dba CBRG, Inc. dba www.cbgonline.us 2812 North Norwalk Suite 102 Mesa, AZ 85215

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WHEREAS Wayne Stenehjem, Attorney General of the State of North Dakota (hereinafter "the Attorney General"), acts in the public interest pursuant to North Dakota

Century Code ("N.D.C.C.") chs. 51-15 (commonly referred to as the "Consumer Fraud Law"), 51-28 (commonly referred to as the "Do Not Call Law"), and 51-18 (commonly referred to as the "Home Solicitation Sales Law), and;

WHEREAS the Attorney General has determined that in the public interest an investigation should be conducted into the activities of Respondents to ascertain whether violations of chs. 51-15, 51-28, and 51-18 have occurred; and

WHEREAS N.D.C.C. ch. 51-15 prohibits the act, use or employment by any person of any deceptive act or practice, fraud, false pretense, false promise or misrepresentation, with the intent that others rely thereon in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise, whether or not any person has in fact been misled, deceived, or damaged thereby; and

WHEREAS N.D.C.C. ch. 51-28 prohibits telephone solicitations to the telephone line of any subscriber in North Dakota who, for at least 31 days before the date the call is made, has been on the North Dakota or Federal Trade Commission do-not-call list; and

WHEREAS N.D.C.C. ch. 51-18 regulates home solicitation sales and requires, among other things, that sellers provide North Dakota consumers with both oral and written notice of cancellation rights; and

WHEREAS, violations of N.D.C.C. ch. 51-18 are violations of N.D.C.C. ch. 51-15; and

WHEREAS the Attorney General has received consumer complaints and/or other information alleging Respondents engaged in telephone solicitations and other conduct contrary to North Dakota law; and

WHEREAS as a result of this investigation the Attorney General alleges, among other things, Respondents have violated N.D.C.C. chs. 51-15, 51-18, 51-28; and

WHEREAS the parties desire to settle this matter without litigation and without an admission of liability;

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby agreed:

- 1. This Assurance of Voluntary Compliance shall constitute the statutory assurance of discontinuance as provided in N.D.C.C. § 51-15-06.1. Respondents acknowledge *in personam* jurisdiction in North Dakota. Nothing in this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance is intended to waive any rights or private remedies available to consumers. *See also* N.D.C.C. § 51-15-09.
- 2. Respondents, their directors, officers, principals, employees, agents, contractors, servants and all other persons in active concert or participation with them, directly or indirectly, voluntarily agree to be and are permanently enjoined from engaging in the advertisement or sale of merchandise as those terms are defined in N.D.C.C. ch 51-15, in, or directed to persons in, the State of North Dakota.
- 3. Respondents agree to cancel all sales or contracts entered into with North Dakota consumers during the last sixty (60) days prior to executing this agreement and to make full refunds to the consumers within fifteen (15) days of executing this agreement. Respondents shall, within fifteen (15) days of executing this agreement, notify, in writing, via certified mail--return receipt requested, all North Dakota consumers with whom they have entered into contracts for the sale of merchandise, as defined by N.D.C.C. 51-15-01(3), during the sixty (60) days prior to Respondents' execution of this agreement, that the consumer's contract with Respondents has been cancelled and that the consumer will receive a full refund of all amounts paid to Respondents during the

term of the contract. The written notice shall be a letter subject to approval by the Office of the Attorney General. Further, within thirty (30) days of executing this agreement, Respondents will provide to the Attorney General a copy of all letters sent to consumers under this paragraph and proof of all refunds paid to consumers.

- 4. Upon execution of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance by Respondents, Respondents shall provide to the Attorney General a list containing all the consumers, with whom it entered into contracts during the sixty (60) days prior to executing this agreement, including the consumer's name, address, telephone number, date of contract and amounts received by the Respondents under the contract.
- 5. Upon execution of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance by Respondents, Respondents shall make a payment to the Attorney General in the sum of \$2,000 in lieu of civil penalties, investigation costs, and attorney's fees. Payment shall be a check or money order made payable to **Office of Attorney General North Dakota**, and delivered to:

Michael C. Thompson Assistant Attorney General Consumer Protection & Antitrust Division Office of Attorney General Gateway Professional Center 1050 E. Interstate Ave., Suite 200 Bismarck, ND 58503-5574

6. Respondents agree it will comply with this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance and further acknowledge and agree any violations of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance shall be punishable as contempt of court pursuant to N.D.C.C. ch. 27-10 and Respondents further may be subject to all other civil penalties and sanctions provided by law, including attorney fees and costs. Respondents agree to pay a civil penalty of at least \$1,000 per violation for any violations of this Assurance of Voluntary

Compliance, or any future violations of N.D.C.C. chs. 51-15, 51-28, or 51-18; provided, however, the Attorney General shall not be precluded from seeking more than \$1,000 per violation, or any other remedies provided in N.D.C.C. chs. 51-15, 51-28, or 51-18, or other North Dakota law. Respondents agree that in the event of any violation of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, the Attorney General may pursue all claims and complaints against Respondents as well as retain any payments already made.

If Respondents are adjudged in contempt of court for violations of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, adjudged in violation of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance or adjudged in violation of N.D.C.C. chs.51-15, 51-28, or 51-18, said Respondents shall also be responsible for payment to the Attorney General for reasonable investigation costs, expenses and attorney's fees. Respondents agree that an Affidavit of Non-Compliance of the Office of Attorney General shall be *prima facie* evidence of each violation of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance.

- 7. In the event of a breach of this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, the Attorney General may, without further notice to Respondents, make application to a State of North Dakota District Court to have the entire amount still owing under the Assurance of Voluntary Compliance entered as a formal judgment so it may be filed on the judgment roll and docketed pursuant to North Dakota law. See N.D.C.C. §§ 28-20-11, -12 and -13.
- 8. Respondents represent the signer below is competent and fully authorized to act on behalf of Respondents. Respondents acknowledge it has been provided the opportunity to review with an attorney this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, understand the implications and obligations imposed by it and have knowingly, freely and willingly entered into this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance. Respondents further

acknowledge and agree this Assurance of Voluntary Compliance may be approved by and filed with the District Court without any further notice or hearing. transmitted electronically or via facsimile by Respondents shall be deemed the equivalent of original signatures; this document may be executed in counterparts, with each counterpart deemed an original.

> CONSUMER BENEFITS RESEARCH GROUP Inc., dba CONSUMER BENEFITS GROUP dba CBG dba CBRG dba CBRG, Inc. dba www.cbgonline.us (including all "doing business as" names, formal corporate names, fictitious names of any kind or any variations of the same)

By:

Corey James McCormick

President

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

🧦 ∕day of June ,2⁄010.

Notary Public

Lisa Boehme NOTARY PUBLIC - ARIZONA MARICOPA COUNTY My Commission Expires April 09, 2013

COREY JAMES MCCORMICK, INDIVIDUALLY

By:

Corey James McCormick

COUNTY OF

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of June, 2010.

Lisa Boehme NOTARY PUBLIC - ARIZONA MARICOPA COUNTY My Commission Expires April 09, 2013

Notary Public

This Assurance of Voluntary Compliance is hereby received and accepted.

Dated this 28th day of July, 2010.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA) ss COUNTY OF BURLEIGH)

Crystal Kraft states under oath as follows:

- 1. I swear and affirm upon penalty of perjury that the statements made in this affidavit are true and correct and made upon personal knowledge.
- 2. I am of legal age and on the 1st day of July, 2010, I served (1) Notice of Entry of Order of Approval, (2) Order of Approval, and (3) Affidavit of Service by Mail upon the following by placing a true and correct copies thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

COREY JAMES MCCORMICK CONSUMER BENEFITS RESEARCH GROUP INC 2550 N THUNDERBIRD CIR #116 MESA AZ 85215-1217

COREY JAMES MCCORMICK CONSUMER BENEFITS RESEARCH GROUP INC 2812 N NORWALK STE 102 MESA AZ 85215-1148 COREY JAMES MCCORMICK CONSUMER BENEFITS RESEARCH GROUP INC 3427 N SONORAN HILLS MESA AZ 85207-1569

and depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at Bismarck, North Dakota.

CRYSTAL KRAFT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of July, 2010.

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JUDY A. AUSTAD
Notary Public
State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires Mar. 21, 2014